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In re:	Eric Walker	Confirmation No.:	7388
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
OF  
ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant previously provisionally elected with traverse Group I and Species I. In particular, Applicant provisionally elected to prosecute Claims 12-19, which are directed to a screw. Applicant has received a notice of allowance toward the provisionally elected claims and now requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement for the reasons below and in view of the telephone discussion with the Examiner (Anthony Ojini) wherein the Examiner acknowledged various technical correspondences between these claims on May 10, 2006.

The MPEP states in section 1893.03 that "Once the national stage application has been taken up by the Examiner, unity of invention proceeds as under 37 CFR 1.475, which dictates that unity of invention shall be fulfilled among inventions involving one or more corresponding technical features. An example of a corresponding technical feature is expressly provided in section 1893.03(d) of the MPEP toward a key defined by certain characteristics which correspond to a lock to be used with the key.

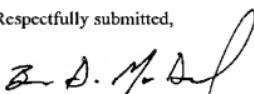
Applicant therefore suggests that Claim 12, which is an allowed independent claim toward a screw, holds unity of invention with Claim 21, which is an independent claim toward a driver having technical features corresponding to those of Claim 12. Indeed, the correspondence of the screw of Claim 12 to the driver of Claim 21 is comparable to the example in section 1893.03(d) of the MPEP wherein a key and corresponding lock are recognized as holding unity of invention.

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Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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